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Nari Shakti Workshop

The "Nari Shakti: Women Empowerment through Entrepreneurship & Leadership" workshop, sponsored by IDBI Bank, was organized on 11 June 2026 at ni-msme campus with the objective of encouraging and supporting women in their entrepreneurial and professional journeys. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Manisha Kumari, Programme Director and coordinated by Ms. Fatima Fareeha (YP) and Mrs. Urmila Waghre (Sr. A.A.), ATI.



The programme commenced with a welcome address by Dr. E. Vijaya, Director, SEM, who welcomed the participants and shared her insights on the importance of women's empowerment through entrepreneurship, leadership and financial independence. She emphasized the growing role of women entrepreneurs in contributing to economic development and encouraged participants to leverage the opportunities and support mechanisms available for enterprise growth.

The workshop brought together around 120 women entrepreneurs, professionals, aspiring entrepreneurs, and small business owners, providing a valuable platform for learning, networking, and exploring opportunities for business development and expansion. A key highlight of the workshop was the participation of banking officials, who presented women-centric financial support schemes, credit facilities, and entrepreneurship development initiatives offered by their respective institutions.

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The sessions provided valuable insights into funding opportunities, financial inclusion programmes and institutional support mechanisms designed to promote women-led enterprises. Dr. Rajendra Prasad, AFM, SEE, conducted a technical session on Business Plan Preparation, Detailed Project Report (DPR) Development and Preparedness for Enterprise Loan Facilitation. T

he session focused on equipping participants with practical knowledge of preparing bankable business plans, developing viable project reports, understanding loan requirements, and enhancing their readiness to access institutional finance. The interactive session enabled participants to gain a better understanding of the financial and procedural aspects involved in establishing and expanding their enterprises. The programme received an enthusiastic response from the participants and served as a meaningful initiative towards empowering women through knowledge, networking, entrepreneurship, and access to financial resources.



Capacity Building Training under OSF Scheme

The National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) conducted a three-day training programme titled "Capacity Building Training for Accountants on Accounting and Records Maintenance under the OSF Scheme" for accountants of the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) from 15 to 17 June 2026 at its Hyderabad campus. A total of 30 accountants participated in the programme, which was directed by Dr. E. Vijaya, Director – SEM, and co-directed by Mr. Rajendra Prasad, Faculty Member, SEE.

The programme was conducted with the objective of strengthening the knowledge and skills of the selected accountants to ensure efficient financial management and proper maintenance of records. It equipped participants with a comprehensive understanding of accounting principles, fund flow mechanisms, and financial procedures under the OSF Scheme.

Key sessions covered the roles and responsibilities of accountants, NRLM accounting guidelines, double-entry bookkeeping, cash book and ledger maintenance, fund release procedures, internal audit processes, and financial transparency. Participants were also trained in the use of accounting software, digital payment systems, MIS-based record-keeping, and concepts related to interest rates, Equated Monthly Instalments (EMIs), loan repayment schedules, and financial risk management.

The training is expected to enhance the accountants' capacity to manage financial correspondence, facilitate the timely release and recovery of loans, and ensure accurate accounting and record maintenance. These strengthened competencies will contribute to the effective and transparent implementation of the OSF Scheme.



Advanced Management Development Programme

ni-msme, successfully organized a five-day Advanced Management Development Programme (AMDP) on “Designing Strategic Interventions for Vibrant, Green & Digital MSMEs” from 08 to 12 June 2026 for 31 Grade A and Grade B officials of the Government of Assam. The programme was conducted under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Scheme, with the support of the Assam Small Industries Development Corporation (ASIDC).

The programme was inaugurated by Shri C.S.S. Rao, IEDS, Head of Office, MSME Development & Facilitation Office, Hyderabad, in the presence of Shri K. Surya Prakash Goud, Director, School of Enterprise Development (SED), ni-msme. In his inaugural address, Shri Rao highlighted the importance of strengthening institutional capacities through strategic interventions, innovation, sustainability, and digital transformation to build a globally competitive MSME sector. Welcoming the participants, Shri K. Surya Prakash Goud emphasized ni-msme’s commitment to strengthening the capacities of government officials through specialized management development programmes. He stated that empowered policymakers and implementing agencies play a crucial role in creating vibrant, resilient, green, and digitally enabled MSME ecosystems across the country.

Participants attended expert sessions covering green and sustainable enterprise development, digital transformation of MSMEs, Industry 4.0 technologies, innovation and competitiveness, cluster



development, entrepreneurship promotion, market access, quality and productivity enhancement, financing opportunities, and strategic policy interventions. The programme adopted a highly interactive approach through expert lectures, case studies, group discussions, and experience-sharing sessions, enabling participants to gain practical insights into contemporary MSME development strategies.

As part of the experiential learning component, participants visited T-Hub and T-Works, Hyderabad, where they interacted with startup founders, innovation ecosystem enablers, and technology experts. The exposure visits provided valuable insights into innovation-driven entrepreneurship, advanced manufacturing facilities, product development, incubation support, and collaborative innovation models that could be replicated to strengthen the MSME ecosystem in Assam.

The valedictory session marked the successful culmination of the programme and was graced by Dr. Chukka Kondaiah, Former Director General, ni-msme, along with Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud, Director, SED, ni-msme and Mr. Vivek Kumar, Faculty Member and Co-Programme Director, ni-msme. In his valedictory address, Dr. Chukka Kondaiah shared valuable insights into the evolving role of MSMEs in promoting economic growth, employment generation and regional development. Drawing upon his extensive experience in MSME promotion and policy implementation, he highlighted the need for continuous learning, adaptability, and proactive engagement with entrepreneurs and industry stakeholders. He urged participants to act as catalysts for change by effectively implementing government schemes, supporting enterprise development initiatives, and promoting sustainable business practices.

During the valedictory session, participants shared their feedback and reflections on the programme, appreciating the well-structured technical sessions, insightful interactions with domain experts, and practical exposure gained through the field visits. The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to all participants, reaffirming ni-msme’s commitment to strengthening the capacities of State Government officials through high-quality training programmes that promote vibrant, competitive, green, and digitally empowered MSME ecosystems, thereby contributing to inclusive and sustainable economic development across the country.

Management Development Programme

The National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) successfully conducted a Two-Day Management Development Programme (MDP) under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) initiative from 11 to 12 June 2026 in Imphal, Manipur. The programme was designed to strengthen the managerial, technical, and leadership capabilities of government officials engaged in MSME promotion and entrepreneurship development. A total of 43 officials representing the District Industries Centres (DICs), Department of MSME, Department of Horticulture, State Rural Livelihood Mission (SRLM), and other line departments actively participated in the programme. During the two-day programme, participants received comprehensive inputs on the RAMP framework, import-export procedures, global market access strategies, and enterprise creation. The technical sessions also covered conflict management, leadership development, team building, and effective organizational management.



In addition, participants were sensitized to various flagship MSME support initiatives, including Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), LEAN Manufacturing, GIFT, SPICE, TReDS, and ZED Certification, enabling them to better support MSMEs in accessing government initiatives and enhancing their competitiveness. The programme also introduced participants to emerging technologies shaping the future of manufacturing, including Digital Manufacturing, Smart Factories, Digital Twin, and the Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT).

Special sessions on the preparation and appraisal of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) further enhanced participants' project planning, assessment, and implementation capabilities. The



training achieved its intended objectives by enhancing participants' understanding of MSME development strategies, improving their leadership and decision-making skills, strengthening their capacity to prepare and evaluate DPRs, and equipping them to promote innovation, operational efficiency, and technology adoption among MSMEs. The programme also reinforced their ability to facilitate entrepreneurship development and effectively implement government schemes for sustainable MSME growth.

The programme received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the participants, who appreciated its practical orientation, interactive learning approach, experienced resource persons, and relevance of the topics covered. Participants expressed confidence that the knowledge and skills acquired would significantly enhance their ability to support MSME development initiatives in the State. The successful completion of the programme reaffirmed ni-msme's commitment to strengthening institutional capacities across the country and supporting the effective implementation of the RAMP initiative through high-quality capacity-building interventions. The programme is expected to contribute significantly to building a more vibrant, innovative, and globally competitive MSME ecosystem in Manipur.

CINICATHON 2026: Empowering India's Creative Economy through Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Hybrid Filmmaking

On the occasion of International MSME Day, celebrated on 27 June 2026, the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad, in collaboration with the CINICA Creators Council, successfully organized CINICATHON 2026, a first-of-its-kind Hybrid Filmmaking Programme integrating Creative DeepTech and the AVGC-XR ecosystem.

CINICATHON 2026 was conceptualized under the leadership of Mr. P. G. Vinda and Mr. Panja Shravan, Directors of the CINICA Creators Council, in collaboration with ni-msme, with the objective of transforming India's creative community from service providers into creative entrepreneurs. The programme served as a unique platform where creativity, technology, entrepreneurship, academia, industry, and government converged to promote innovation, collaboration, and sustainable growth in the AVGC-XR and creative industries. The programme was graced by Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Hon'ble Union Minister for Coal & Mines, Government of India, as the Chief Guest. Shri K. Surya Prakash Goud, Director, School of Enterprise Development (SED), ni-msme, welcomed the gathering and highlighted ni-msme's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship and enterprise development in emerging sectors, including the creative economy. He emphasized that the collaboration between ni-msme and the CINICA Creators Council reflects a shared vision of nurturing innovation-driven creative enterprises by connecting creators with government support systems, startup ecosystems, and industry expertise.

The programme featured a series of insightful panel discussions covering key dimensions of the emerging creative technology ecosystem.



Session 1: The Future of the AVGC-XR Ecosystem with DeepTech and IP: Eminent experts Mr. Basi Reddy, DIGIQUEST; Mr. Ravi Kumar Kothapalli, Hornbill Studios; Mr. Jignesh Talasila, Perspect AI; and Mr. Venkateshwar Allagadda, Annapurna Studios, emphasized the need for India's creative industry to transition from an outsourcing-driven model towards the creation and ownership of original Intellectual Property (IP).

Session 2: The Future of Hybrid Filmmaking, Virtual Production, and Emerging Technologies: Distinguished panelists Mr. Mohana Krishna Indraganti; Mr. K. K. Senthil Kumar, ISC; Mr. Anshul Mathuria, CineVisualFX; and Mr. P. G. Vinda, CINICA, highlighted the growing role of Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Production, and real-time technologies as collaborative tools that empower storytellers and redefine creative production processes.

Session 3: Startups, Government Grants, and Scaling Creative Businesses: Experts Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud, ni-msme; Mr. Shrikant Sinha, TASK & NASSCOM Foundation; and Smt. Masapogu Geetha Sree, Telangana Industries Department, shared valuable insights on MSME registration, Startup India, incubation support, government initiatives, and strategies for scaling creative enterprises.

Session 4: Creators Hub and Collaborative Creative Communities: Speakers Mr. A. R. Kamal Roy, JNAFAU; Mr. Veera Sankar; Mr. Chaitanya Rao Madadi; Mr. P. G. Vinda; and Mr. Rom Bhimana underscored the importance of mentorship, professional networks, collaborative communities, and global partnerships as key pillars of a vibrant and sustainable creative economy. In his address, Shri G. Kishan Reddy appreciated the initiative of ni-msme and the CINICA Creators Council in bringing together creators, filmmakers, AVGC-XR professionals, startups, academia, government institutions, and industry leaders on a common platform dedicated to innovation and entrepreneurship.



He stated that the future of filmmaking lies in embracing Hybrid Filmmaking through the integration of Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Production, real-time technologies, and the AVGC-XR ecosystem. He encouraged creators to continuously upgrade their skills, develop original Intellectual Property, and leverage emerging technologies to build globally competitive creative enterprises. The Hon'ble Minister further highlighted Telangana's strong creative talent, world-class infrastructure, and growing innovation ecosystem, expressing his vision for the State to emerge as India's preferred destination for filmmaking, creative technologies, and IP-driven enterprises. He encouraged young creators to move beyond service-based work and focus on developing globally recognized Indian stories, characters, technologies, and creative brands. Through CINICATHON 2026, ni-msme and the CINICA Creators Council reaffirmed their commitment to nurturing innovation-driven entrepreneurship, strengthening the AVGC-XR ecosystem, and empowering India's creative community to build globally competitive and IP-led enterprises.

Loan Mela

On 11 June 2026, ni-msme organized a Loan Mela for trainees of self-employment programmes sponsored under the Assistance to Training Institutions (ATI) Scheme of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India. The initiative provided a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to explore financing opportunities for establishing and expanding their business ventures.

The event brought together representatives from 12 leading banks, including SBI, Punjab National Bank, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, Indian Bank, Indian Overseas Bank, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, IDBI Bank, IndusInd Bank, IDFC FIRST Bank, and UCO Bank. More than 100 participants attended the Loan Mela, seeking financial assistance to establish new enterprises and scale up existing businesses.



Bank officials interacted directly with the participants and provided guidance on loan products, eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, and government-supported credit schemes. The interactions enabled aspiring entrepreneurs to gain a better understanding of available financing options and institutional credit support for their entrepreneurial ventures.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. Manisha Kumari, Programme Director, and coordinated by Ms. Fatima Fareeha (YP) and Mrs. Urmila Waghre (Sr. A.A.), ATI. The initiative received an encouraging response from both trainees and banking partners. Building on the success of the programme, ni-msme is planning a larger-scale Loan Mela to further expand access to institutional finance and financial support for emerging entrepreneurs.

Ghana Delegation Visits ni-msme

A high-level delegation from Ghana, led by Mr. Augustus Goosie Tanoh, visited the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) on 10 June 2026 to explore potential areas of collaboration in the pharmaceutical, agriculture, textiles, and Information Technology sectors. The visit was facilitated by Mr. K. Surya Prakash Goud, Director, School of Enterprise Development (SED), ni-msme. Directors and senior faculty members representing the institute's four Schools and Centres participated in the discussions. Welcoming the delegation, Shri K. Surya Prakash Goud highlighted ni-msme's role in entrepreneurship development, skill development, incubation, capacity building, and technology transfer for MSMEs. Speaking on behalf of the Ghanaian delegation, Mr. Goosie Tanoh outlined Ghana's key development priorities, including strengthening smallholder agriculture, upgrading agro-processing capabilities, revitalizing textile value chains, and promoting digital entrepreneurship among youth and women.



The discussions focused on several key areas of potential collaboration. In the pharmaceutical sector, the delegates explored opportunities to strengthen Ghanaian SMEs through technology transfer, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) training, regulatory support, capacity building, market linkages, and access to Indian supply chains to enhance local manufacturing and export potential. In the area of agriculture and agro-processing, discussions focused on joint capacity-building initiatives for Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), post-harvest management, climate-resilient agricultural practices, value addition, and market linkages. For the textiles and apparel sector, potential interventions included skills training for artisans, technology upgradation for micro-enterprises, design and quality enhancement, and export-readiness support.

Discussions on Information Technology explored opportunities for strengthening digital skills among MSMEs, promoting e-commerce and digital marketing, and organizing hackathons and digital incubation initiatives. Under entrepreneurship development and research, the delegates



discussed Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes, faculty and expert exchanges, joint curriculum development, and collaborative research on MSME financing and policy. The Ghanaian officials also shared various suggestions for strengthening SMEs in both countries. Special emphasis was placed on adopting flexible collaboration modalities, including short-term training programmes in India and Ghana, pilot projects in selected districts, faculty and expert

exchanges, joint research, and blended and virtual learning initiatives. A phased approach was recommended, beginning with needs assessments and pilot implementation over a six-to-twelve-month period.

Mr. Debashish Das, National Project Coordinator (NPC), UNIDO, outlined practical support options, including diagnostic assessments, technology transfer, workforce upskilling, quality assurance, and market access interventions. He also highlighted potential funding and partnership models to support collaborative initiatives. The meeting concluded with a mutual understanding that both sides would maintain regular communication and review the progress of the proposed activities. The discussions marked an important step towards developing a structured framework for India-Ghana cooperation in MSME development, technology transfer, entrepreneurship, and capacity building. The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Shri Vivek Kumar, Faculty Member, SED, ni-msme.

Awareness Workshop for Establishment of Water and Fuel Testing Laboratory

The National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad, organized an Awareness Workshop on the Establishment of a Water and Fuel Testing Laboratory for the Bidar Cluster on 27 June 2026, as part of its commitment to promoting energy-efficient and sustainable industrial development.

The workshop was conducted under the GEF-7 EEIB Project – “Improving Thermal Energy Efficiency through the Design, Manufacture and Operation of Industrial Boilers for Low-Carbon MSMEs in India,” jointly implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Ministry of MSME, Government of India. The workshop brought together industry stakeholders, cluster representatives, technical experts, and project partners to discuss the proposed interventions for establishing a dedicated Water and Fuel Testing Laboratory. The proposed facility aims to strengthen industrial energy efficiency, improve boiler performance, and promote sustainable manufacturing practices within the Bidar Cluster.

Mr. Debajit Das, National Project Coordinator, UNIDO India, presented the comprehensive project roadmap and elaborated on the objectives, scope, and implementation strategy for establishing the laboratory. He highlighted the critical role of scientific water and fuel testing in enhancing boiler efficiency, reducing operational costs, improving energy performance, and supporting India’s transition towards low-carbon industrial growth.

The programme was also attended by Mr. Nand Pal Singh and Mr. Niranjana Devela from UNIDO, who interacted with the participants and shared valuable insights into international best practices, technical standards, and the long-term benefits of developing quality testing infrastructure for MSMEs. Representing ni-msme, Mr. Jignesh Dave presented the proposed interventions for setting up the laboratory. He explained the technical framework, infrastructure requirements, operational modalities, and implementation approach, while addressing the queries and suggestions raised by industry stakeholders. His interaction provided greater clarity on the proposed facility and encouraged active participation from cluster members.

The awareness workshop served as an important platform for stakeholder engagement and collaboration among UNIDO, ni-msme, and industry representatives from the Bidar Cluster. The proposed Water and Fuel Testing Laboratory is expected to emerge as a key technical resource for the cluster, enabling MSMEs to adopt energy-efficient practices, improve process reliability, reduce emissions, and enhance their overall competitiveness through scientific testing and informed decision-making.



Joint Monitoring & Inspection Conducted

As part of the ongoing implementation of the Scheme for Economic Empowerment of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (SEED) in Andhra Pradesh, a Joint Monitoring and Inspection Visit was successfully conducted from 22 to 26 June 2026 across Tirupati, Chittoor, and YSR Kadapa (Annamayya) districts. The visit was jointly undertaken by the Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNCs), the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation (NSFDC), and the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) to review the progress of the SEED Project being implemented by ni-msme in Andhra Pradesh.



The Joint Monitoring Team comprised Mr. Gajendra Nath, Deputy Manager, NSFDC; Mr. Vikas Kumar, Consultant, DWBDNCs and Mr. Duvvada Tejeswara Rao, Faculty Associate and Programme Coordinator, ni-msme. The team undertook an extensive field assessment to monitor project implementation, verify beneficiary records, inspect livelihood activities established under the Revolving Fund (RF) component, and review community assets

created through the Entry Point Activity (EPA) component of the SEED Scheme. The district-wise inspection commenced on 23 June 2026 in Puttur Mandal, Tirupati District, followed by visits to Bangarupalem and Palamaneru Mandals in Chittoor District on 24 June 2026. On 25th June 2026, the team visited B.N. Kandriga Mandal, Tirupati District, and concluded the inspection on 26 June 2026 in Rayachoti Mandal, YSR Kadapa (Annamayya) District. During the visit, the team inspected DNT Self-Help Groups (SHGs), reviewed project and financial records, verified beneficiary details, assessed the utilization of assistance provided under the RF and EPA components and examined individual livelihood enterprises and community assets created under the SEED Project.

The monitoring team interacted extensively with SHG members and verified project records, financial documents, beneficiary details, and the utilization of assistance provided under the Revolving Fund and Entry Point Activity components. Field verification confirmed that the financial assistance had been effectively utilized to establish a wide range of sustainable livelihood enterprises, including petty and kirana stores, tiffin centres, tailoring units, designer dress stitching centres, dairy farming enterprises, flour mills, wet grinder services, broomstick manufacturing, bamboo handicrafts, plastic household product businesses, and other traditional occupations practised by DNT communities. Several beneficiaries reported significant improvements in their household income and economic stability following the establishment of these enterprises. The team also reviewed community assets developed under the Entry Point Activity component.



Drinking water storage tanks, street lighting facilities, community halls, and protective tarpaulin support provided to vulnerable DNT families were inspected and found to be effectively serving

their intended purposes. These interventions have substantially improved access to basic amenities while addressing the immediate needs of the communities.

A notable observation during the visit was the construction of a Community Hall by five DNT SHGs in Chittoor District. The inspection team appreciated the active participation of SHG members and observed the satisfactory maintenance of project records and financial documentation. Beneficiaries expressed satisfaction with the support extended under the SEED Scheme and shared positive feedback



on improvements in livelihood opportunities, income generation, and overall socio-economic conditions. The interactions also highlighted the importance of continued capacity building, enterprise development support, and market linkages to ensure the long-term sustainability of livelihood activities. The Joint Monitoring and Inspection Visit reaffirmed the positive impact of the SEED Scheme in promoting sustainable livelihoods and strengthening community infrastructure among De-notified, Nomadic and

Semi-Nomadic Communities in Andhra Pradesh. The collaborative efforts of DWBDNCs, NSFDC and ni-msme continue to play a significant role in ensuring the effective implementation of the project through regular monitoring, field-level guidance, and beneficiary support.

Workshop on Strengthening MSME Online Dispute Resolution Mechanism

The National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad, successfully organized a Two-Day Workshop on Strengthening the MSME Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Mechanism under the Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme. The workshop aimed to strengthen the institutional framework for resolving delayed payment disputes faced by MSMEs through technology-enabled dispute resolution mechanisms. The programme brought together senior officials from the Ministry of MSME, the Government of Telangana, members of the Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Councils (MSEFCs), legal experts, implementing agencies, industry representatives, and other key stakeholders to deliberate on measures for improving MSME dispute resolution systems. The inaugural session featured addresses by Mr. K. S. P. Goud, Director, SED, ni-msme and Ms. Ankita Pandey, IRS, Director (RAMP), Ministry of MSME, who highlighted the importance of strengthening digital dispute resolution mechanisms to enhance the ease of doing business for MSMEs.

The technical sessions covered the progress of RAMP implementation, the MSME ecosystem in Telangana, the legislative framework of the MSMED Act, 2006, Online Dispute Resolution (ODR), and the functioning of MSEFCs. Participants also gained valuable insights from industry success stories and expert discussions on existing challenges and future strategies for strengthening MSME dispute resolution mechanisms. The second day focused on exploring ODR and Lok Adalats for MSEFCs and featured an end-to-end, hands-on practicum on the ODR Portal. The session demonstrated the complete workflow, from filing complaints to dispute resolution, providing participants with practical exposure to the technology-enabled dispute resolution process. An interactive session on the conduct of Lok Adalats for pending MSME disputes further enhanced participants' understanding of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms. The workshop reinforced the Government of India's commitment under the RAMP initiative to building a transparent, technology-driven, and efficient dispute resolution ecosystem that facilitates timely resolution of MSME disputes and supports the sustainable growth of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises across the country.

State-Level Capacity Building Programme on MSME Policies, Procedures and Compliances Commemorates

In celebration of MSME Day 2026, the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme) successfully organized a State-Level Capacity Building Programme on MSME Policies, Procedures and Compliances at its campus as part of the Telangana RAMP Capacity Building Programme. The programme brought together EDC personnel, officials, and stakeholders associated with the MSME ecosystem to strengthen their understanding of the latest policies, financial systems, digital innovations, and sustainable industrial practices.

The inaugural session was addressed by Shri K. Surya Prakash Goud, Director, School of Enterprise Development (SED), ni-msme, who welcomed the participants and highlighted the importance of capacity building in strengthening the MSME ecosystem. The first technical session was delivered by Mr. M. D. Sandeep, Financial Expert, SME Professionals Forum, who provided participants with valuable insights into the financial aspects of MSME development. He explained key financial concepts such as EBITDA and the interpretation of Balance Sheets, along with the crucial roles played by institutions such as SIDBI and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in supporting MSMEs. The session also covered important Government of India initiatives, including CGTMSE, PMEGP, and PMMY, highlighting their latest updates, benefits, and implementation procedures. Emphasizing the importance of financial literacy, Mr. Sandeep demonstrated practical approaches to analysing financial statements, understanding the business challenges faced by entrepreneurs, and recommending appropriate financial and business solutions to support enterprise growth.

The second technical session was led by Mr. Pilli Mahesh, Chartered Accountant and former World Bank professional, who explored the transformative impact of Digital Transformation and the Startup Ecosystem. His interactive presentation showcased how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming professional work and decision-making across sectors. Moving beyond the conventional use of ChatGPT, he introduced participants to a wide range of AI-powered productivity tools, including NotebookLM, Notion AI, Perplexity AI, Microsoft Copilot, Gamma, Claude AI, and several other emerging platforms. He explained the practical applications of these tools in research, documentation, presentations, knowledge management, content creation, and data analysis, encouraging participants to adopt AI-driven solutions to improve efficiency, productivity, and innovation in their professional responsibilities. The concluding session was conducted by the RICH Team, comprising Mr. Srinivas Cherla, Mr. Srinivas Rao, and Mr. Guru Charan, and focused on Sustainable Enterprise Practices.

The experts emphasized the growing importance of renewable energy, energy efficiency, waste management, and process optimization in building competitive and environmentally responsible enterprises. Participants gained insights into various renewable energy sources, including solar energy, wind energy, and waste-to-energy technologies, as well as the significance of adopting green energy solutions for sustainable industrial development. The speakers also highlighted essential industrial safety practices, efficient energy utilization techniques, and practical measures that MSMEs can implement to reduce operational costs while improving environmental performance and long-term sustainability.

The programme served as a valuable platform for enhancing participants' knowledge and capabilities by integrating financial management, technological innovation, and sustainable development into the MSME ecosystem. Organized on the occasion of MSME Day, the programme reaffirmed ni-msme's commitment to strengthening the capacities of MSME stakeholders and equipping them with the knowledge and tools required to support the growth, resilience, and competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in an evolving business environment.

Expert-Level Steam System Optimisation Programme

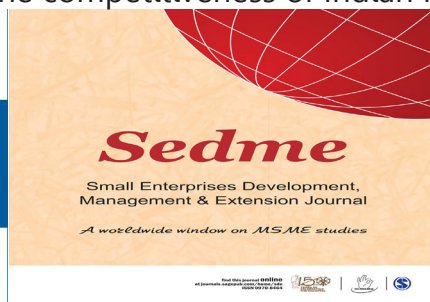
The National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (ni-msme), Hyderabad, hosted the Expert-Level Train-the-Trainer Workshop on Steam System Optimisation (SSO) from 08 to 16 June 2026 under the GEF-7 EEIB Project – “Improving Thermal Energy Efficiency through the Design, Manufacture and Operation of Industrial Boilers for Low-Carbon MSMEs in India.” The project is jointly implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Ministry of MSME, Government of India, with support from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). ni-msme and the National Productivity Council (NPC) serve as national executing partners responsible for delivering this flagship capacity-building initiative.

Designed for experienced energy professionals, BEE-certified Energy Managers, Energy Auditors, Boiler Operation Engineers, and technical experts, the workshop aimed to create a national pool of certified trainers capable of enhancing steam system efficiency across India’s MSME sector. Participants received advanced technical training in steam system assessment, boiler efficiency improvement, waste heat recovery, condensate management, energy auditing, and the application



of internationally recognized digital tools such as the USEPA MEASUR platform and the Steam System Scoping Tool (SSST). A defining feature of the programme was its strong emphasis on experiential learning. Unlike conventional classroom-based training, the workshop dedicated five days to supervised field visits to MSME demonstration industries, where participants conducted real-time boiler and steam system assessments using advanced diagnostic instruments. They performed stack gas analysis, infrared thermography, and conductivity measurements; identified energy-saving opportunities; prepared investment-grade recommendations; and presented their findings directly to industry management.

This unique industry immersion bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical implementation, enabling participants to gain hands-on expertise in addressing real-world industrial energy-efficiency challenges. Through this prestigious international collaboration, ni-msme reinforced its leadership in promoting sustainable industrial development by building national technical capacity, fostering low-carbon manufacturing practices, and equipping professionals with globally benchmarked skills to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and enhance the competitiveness of Indian MSMEs.



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